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LOCAL WRITER EARNS LITERARY KUDOS

DAYTON, Ohio — Oakwood resident Trudy Krisher's 1997 novel *Kinship* has been chosen for the Young Adult Library Services Association's 1998 list of Best Books for Young Adults.

In *Kinship*, a 15-year-old Georgia girl struggles as she learns the difference between family and kin after her estranged father strolls back into town. It's a companion to *Spite Fences*, Krisher's first published novel, which was named to the 1995 Best Books for Young Adults list. Bantam Doubleday Dell published both and will print Krisher's third novel, *The Gathering*, a historical book about a group of women who became early voices for the women's rights movement in the 1840s.

Krisher, assistant director of the Learning Assistance Center at the University of Dayton, also has written a college writing textbook as well as the children's picture book *Kathy's Hats: A Story of Hope* (1992) about her daughter's struggle with a rare bone cancer that strikes children and young adults.

In selecting titles for its Best Books listing, YALSA, a division of the American Library Association, considers books with the literary quality and appeal for readers ages 12 to 18. This year's list, which contains subjects from adventure to history to romance, includes 84 titles — 58 fiction, four poetry anthologies and 22 nonfiction works.

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